be to the Constition of India and his loyalty to any other social cultural institutions hinders in discharging his constitutional duties; and

(c) if so, whether Government would issue very clear guidelines in this regard or would make any rules?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) It has been provided in Fundamental Rule 11 that unless in any case it be otherwise distinctly provided, the whole time of a Government servant is at the disposal of the Government which pays him, and he may be employed in any manner required by proper authority.

(b) As per the existing instructions, an entrant into Government service should take/make an oath/ affirmation that he/she will be faithful and bear true allegiance to India and to the Constitution of India as by law established, and that he/she will carry out duties of his/her office loyally, honestly and with impartiality, However, this requirement does not put a bar on a Government servant to his taking part in social/cultural activities, unless such activities are prohibited in terms of other provisions of the Conduct Rules for their linkages with politics and elections etc.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Ban on Officers on Deputation in the Same Ministry

2369. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: V/ill the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a ban on deputation for the officers to the same Ministry where they earlier held office;

(b) whether such a ban applies only to All India Service Officers;

(c) to what extent is this ban lessening the appointment of officers with experience in social sector; and

(d) the steps proposed to review this ban in public interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS'

WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) and (b) As per a policy decision taken by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on 28.5.1999, it would not be advisable to appoint an officer at the same level in the same Department where he might have worked during an earlier tenure at the Centre. This decision is appliable to all the services participating in the Central Staffing Scheme and is not confined to All India Services alone.

(c) An officer who serves in the Central Government is expected to get a variety of experience in policy formulation etc., which will stand him in good stead in his subsequent postings. If an officer who had earlier worked in a Central Government Department is again appointed at the same level in the same Department, he will not gain any experience in other areas of Government functioning at the Centre which is neither in the interest of the officer nor in the interest of the Department concerned. Thus this decision does not have any impact on appointments of officers with experience in social sector.

(d) An on date, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for reviewing the extant guidelines on the matter.

Denying Offer of Promotion

† 2370. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision to debar the staff working in the Ministries/Departments under Central Government from promotion for one year in case they do not accept the offer of promotion given to them;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there is a provision of debar period upto five years in such cases in Instrumentalities; and

(c) if so, the rationable of such discrimination in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) An instrumentality of the Government can make rules/regulations in accordance with the provisions of the statute or charter of its constitution,

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.